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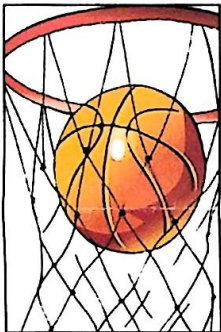
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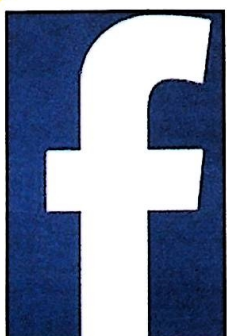
Men's and Women's basketball in full swing.

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Crossing the border to discover reality

Kelsey Ewing
Staff Writer

"I always knew there were immigration issues, but never knew how bad it was," said Tricia Lothschutz, Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator for the BVM Congregation, of her recent immersion trip to the Arizona-Mexico border. She spoke at a discussion on Feb. 4 as part of this year's Clarke Catholic Social Teaching Week.

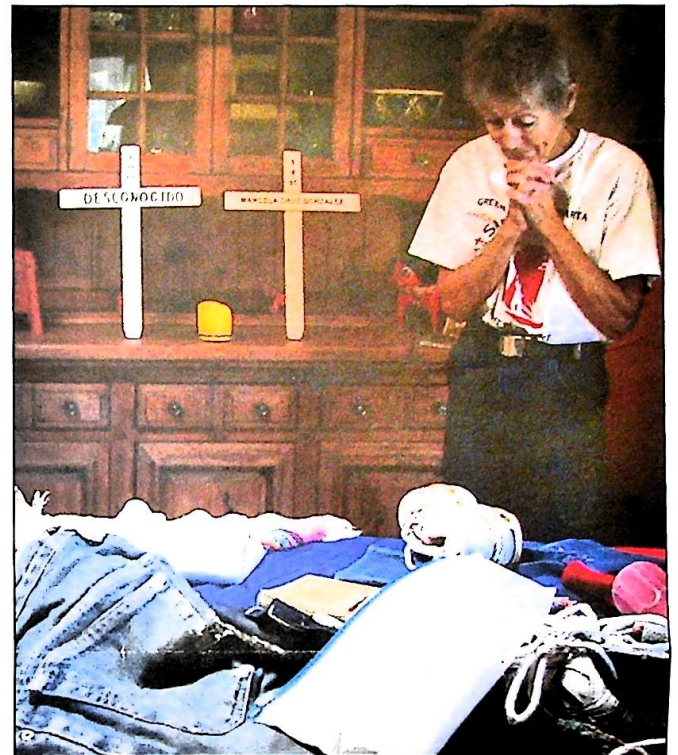
The event, sponsored by Campus Ministry, also featured a group of three BVM sisters. They were part of a group of 12 who went on a four-day immersion trip at the Mexico-Arizona border witnessing firsthand the issues of immigration and how our Catholic faith compels us to respond.

Their first day they spent in the desert with the Samaritans who volunteer their time to drive back roads of the desert. They provide food, water and medicine to those who they find on the route and collect belongings left behind by those who were caught by the Border Patrol. Along with helping those in need, they also maintain a close relationship with the Border Patrol.

During the meeting, Mary Martens, BVM, a former faculty member at Clarke, also talked about Operation Streamline through which the sisters were able to sit in on an immigration trial. During the trial the prisoners, with their Spanish language headsets on, are presented in front of a judge in groups of five with their lawyers. The judge asks each individual a number of questions, and then a decision is made whether they are to be deported back to Mexico, or if they are to be put in detention centers.

The sisters also went to visit Casa Nazaret, a shelter for immigrants who have been separated from their families. Here women and children receive food and clothing. Mary McCauley, BVM, said one of the women told her, "The U.S. sees crossing the border as a crime but we see it as due to poverty."

The sisters told their Clarke audience that the deportation rate is at 100 or more a day and is growing faster as we go on. In 2010-2012, around



A Samaritan volunteer in Arizona displays some of the clothing left in the desert by those trying to cross the border from Mexico.

200,000 families were separated from one another and a Senate bill was just passed to extend the border 300-700

miles and increase the number of agents from 21,000 to 38,000. The BVMs, in an effort to help continued on page 2

Clarke drama students find success at festival

Tia Grap
Editor

For the third year in a row the Clarke University Drama Department had the opportunity to take a production to the American College Theater Festival in Lincoln, Neb. "Oleanna" was the show selected, but transporting a show is harder than it looks.

"Sets aren't designed to be taken up and down and moved," said Reid Johannsen, junior drama major. "We have to make sure that we can do that, and travel. We have to get everything there in one piece, and we have to get it back."

Once the group arrives at its destination, there are many opportunities that the students are able to take advantage of. "We were able to attend workshops and see the

shows that got picked," said Carrie Pieper, senior drama and English major. "It's great to be able to learn about all the opportunities that are available to you."

Carrie participated in a workshop on props called "Beg, Borrow, and Steal" where participants brought in some materials, and in the time frame provided, worked with a team to swap with other teams' props or go shopping. "It was about doing what you could with what you had," said Carrie.

Mary Zanger, junior business major, was a lead in "Oleanna." This was her first time attending ACTF. "It was a really cool experience to go to a festival where you

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Zygmunt to discuss obstacles faced while teaching abroad

Rachel Armstrong
Staff Writer

As part of this year's Mack-in-Mailander lecture series, Fulbright Scholar and Clarke assistant professor of art history Bryan Zygmunt will discuss his six-month experience in Poland last spring where he taught at the University of Lodz.

The Fulbright Program is designed to increase understanding among countries. For Zygmunt, his experience in Poland did exactly that, but not without him facing some challenges.

Before arriving in Poland, Zygmunt was certain that the experience would be a wonderful change; however, shortly after arriving he soon realized that the next six months would be filled with cultural obstacles that he would need to overcome.

Zygmunt says he had to learn how to teach and socialize in an education system different from his own. In his lecture, Zygmunt will discuss how the obstacles that he was faced with allowed him to gain a different perspective on the world outside of Clarke.

"Through this experience I have grown, and I now look at the world differently," said Zygmunt. "I appreciate Clarke all the more, and this experience has brought into precise clarity the things about my job that I may have taken for granted."

"Small Obstacles: Opportunities for Big Growth" is a humorous, engaging and entertaining lecture that will be given on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in Jansen Music Hall on the Clarke campus.

CAMPUS LIFE

Play brings the best of Noel Coward to Clarke

Tia Grap
Editor

Be ready for a night of laughs when the Clarke Drama Department debuts its next musical, "Oh Coward!" on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Terence Donohue Hall. The performance is a musical review of the work of Noel Coward, a major American playwright of the first half of the twentieth century. "The play goes through his entire body of work," said Molly Plumley, sophomore drama and education major. "There's not a plot to the play; it's more of us singing songs and performing the monologues."

The show is set up like a cocktail party with the actors cast as guests that coincidentally all know the composer's songs and are able to perform them.

During the show, audience members are treated as if they are at the party too. Although

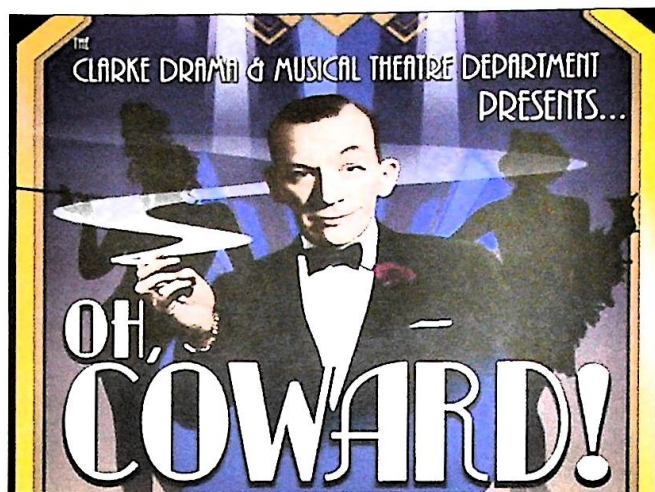
they don't actually interact with the actors, the vibe of the performance creates the idea that they are invited to join in.

"We have a connection with the audience," said Reid Johannsen, junior drama major. "This is very interactive; we're with them for the show."

This show provides a mix of fresh faces from the department along with seasoned vets. Evan Heil, freshman musical theater major, has made the transition from high school theater to performing at the collegiate level with this show.

"It's a lot faster of a pace than any show I've been in," said Evan. "I love it, but it has been a little difficult."

On the flip side, Ben Graham has been able to spend time observing the other actors and recalling his own transition from where the beginners are at to his present status as a se-



nior musical theater student. "It's been exciting to see the underclassmen approaching a challenge like this," said Ben. "The show is in a very specific style with a lot of underlying messages. I have my own way of approaching this kind

of task, and you really have to show what you've got."

The script was split up across the cast, and as a result, there are many variations on who performs what. "It's a juggling act," said Ben. "Even if there is a solo, there's

a lot of action going on."

Usually this show is done with two men and one woman. "We switched a few things around and now there are eight actors plus an accompanist," said Reid. "The actors are in male and female couples."

The lively production, directed by associate professor of drama Joe Klinebriel, also features actors speaking with a British accent.

"It's hilarious," said Chelsea Stratton, junior musical theater and business major. "It's so over the top. We're being as silly as we can and it will keep you on the edge of your seat."

Additional show times are Friday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. The show is free for all Clarke students, staff and faculty.

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deportation, reminded all of us that April 5 is National Day to Stop Deportation, which was created by the National Day Laborer Organizing Network.

Another key point during the meeting was faith. The sisters asked the group what the issue of immigration meant to us, the people of faith.

"The border is like an open wound and it's a wound that we have not found a salve to heal," said Mira Mosle, BVM.

In general, the panel was asking why the United States treats Mexico so poorly when it is our neighbor. The women

said we imprison the people and ship them back to the lives that they left when they were only trying to make a better life for their family just as our ancestors did for us a long time ago.

"We need to be welcoming migrants and fighting for justice," said Lothschutz. McCauley said, "We need to be aware of dehumanization of a person by border control."

Another problem talked about at the meeting was unfair working conditions in Mexico. Mosle talked about a woman named Joanna who they met

who had all the Mexican labor laws memorized and is advocating for worker's rights. She works 12-hour shifts and has to stand the whole time, even though Mexican law forbids this. Joanna is especially advocating for pregnant women to be allowed to sit down while working.

The group concluded that we all need to take a stand and stop the injustice being done to immigrants. "We need to liberate, educate and stand up for justice," said Lothschutz.

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could perform and meet other people in the business," she said. However exciting it was, the experience still took a toll when the cast was expected to perform the play three times in one day. "It was exhausting; I got through it with naps and coffee," said Mary.

Not only did Clarke achieve recognition, several students stood out for individual achievements. "From the caliber of individual events to our performance as a whole, we impressed a lot of people," Mary said.

This was the fourth year that senior musical theater major

Ben Graham attended the festival, and for him, this year stood out among the rest. "It couldn't have been a better situation," he said. "Everybody was very positive, and they were so prepared that you could really do theater."

With everyone pushing each other to do better and be better, Graham believes that this set the tone for the rest of the group. "I think that's why we did so well," he says. "It's the way we came together."

Department chair and professor of drama Ellen Gabriellechi was proud of the students' accomplishments. "The


Clarke students all performed like true professionals, garnering several well-deserved awards and honors," she said. "We are grateful for the opportunity to continue our participation with the Kennedy Center and the festival."

The success was not something that the students take for granted. They all worked very hard to make it that far, and their tenacity was not lost in the hustle and bustle of competition.

"Everyone wanted to do well, and when you have that kind of support, it's just bound to happen," said Graham.

Courier receives media awards for feature stories

The Clarke Courier has won two awards in the Iowa College Media Advisors Better Student Newspaper Contest. Clarke 2013 grad Erin Daly, an English major, won first place in the feature story category for her story "End of the World? Don't Count On It." Shelly Graybill, a communication major and December 2013 grad, won second place in the same category for her story, "Culinary Club Creates Gourmet Masterpieces." Student newspapers from most of the colleges and universities in the state compete in the annual contest which is judged by professional journalists.



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2013 Clarke grad signs with independent team

Christiann Bramble
Staff Writer

Rolando Sanchez, who graduated from Clarke University last May, recently signed a professional contract with an expansion team in Arizona called the Bisbee Blue. Rolando is from California and says he first started learning baseball from his father the day he was born.

He idolized Roberto Clemente and Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, both from Puerto Rico. He was intrigued with these two players because he grew up in the Latino culture. He notes that Clemente is the Jackie Robinson of Latino culture.

Rolando began college at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, before transferring to Clarke. In 2011 he was heavily recruited by Clarke where he would spend his last three years playing baseball and majoring in communications.

Rolando was known for his plus arm, bat, and his great humor on and off the field. "Rolando brought that fire to the team," said Arsenio Watlington, sports management junior. "I admired his presence whenever

he was around; it was always a sense of positivity that everything is going to be okay."

The Santa Fe Fuego originally signed Rolando, but the manager took a job for the Bisbee Blues and Rolando followed him.

"I am so proud of my son Rolando," said his mother, Alma Sanchez. "Seeing him being able to live his dreams makes me so happy; I wish nothing but the best for my baby boy."

"As I prepare myself for the season it's been a process I've never dealt with," said Rolando. "I don't have the luxury of training with a team like I did in college so I have to be more disciplined and work out at the gym with a buddy of mine."

Dan Spain, head coach of the Clarke baseball team, is elated. "Man, it's a joy to hear about someone you coached taking his talents to the pros," says Spain. "Rolando is a good player and I'm sure he'll continue to show out and make his family and us proud."

At home in California, Rolando spends most of his time working at a sushi restaurant and doing hitting and catching



Clarke grad Rolando Sanchez signs a contract with an expansion team. Rolando played catcher on the Clarke baseball team.

clinics for a local baseball academy. In his free time he hits off the tee daily at a local park and is able to take batting practice at his old high school twice a week. He's also able to work on his catching drills with his brother on Saturday and Sundays.

Baseball is not all Rolando likes to do. He loves to dance salsa and meringue, and since he's from the West Coast, he loves going to the beach, espe-

cially when it's 80 degrees out.

"As far as going into my rookie season, I'm just planning on doing my thing and becoming an everyday player during spring training," said Rolando. He will start his first pro season in April and will embrace some really stiff competition.

"I have all confidence that Rolando will succeed," said Keithroy Charles, senior busi-

ness major and member of the Clarke baseball team. "Playing with him was a blessing and I can't wait to see him on TV someday in the Major Leagues."

Rolando looks to make his dream of playing in the big leagues come true someday, but he knows it's not going to be easy; with hard work and dedication, it may be a matter of time until he reaches his ceiling.

"For all the Clarke students trying to reach their dreams, my advice is if you want something bad enough, you can't give up on it; as far as professional sports, as in my case, the window of opportunity is very small so take advantage while you are young, believe in yourself, have faith in God, be positive and always give it 100 percent," said Rolando.

Rolando will report to baseball camp in mid-April where he'll embark on his new journey. "I'm not nervous or anything as of yet; maybe when I step onto the field, I might get butterflies, but there is not much pressure. At the end of the day it's still baseball but at a higher level; the game doesn't change."

Women's basketball has high hopes for reaching MCC final round

Christiann Bramble
Staff Writer

The Clarke women's basketball team rallied for a big win against Mount Mercy last week, moving them up in the conference standings. The team hopes to see itself in the Midwest Collegiate Conference (MCC) Final this year. The Crusaders are now third in the conference with a 7-3 record. They have three games left in the regular season; two of those games are in conference.

The MCC has had tight match ups this season, giving any team a chance to win conference this year. Clarke gave St. Ambrose a tough game for their last match up. St. Ambrose is undefeated in conference as they lead the league. Clarke took the Fighting Bees into overtime and ended up losing by 3.

"We have played a tough schedule this year with nine of our 13 defeats coming from teams that are ranked in the top 25 or receiving votes in the top 25," said Coach Don Adams. "I believe it has helped us in our conference season by

playing the tough teams in non-conference."

Junior guard Stephanie Aasen, said "Our conference is really anybody's to take because all the teams are competitive and can beat any team in the league. We are sitting pretty good after just beating Grand View for the first time."

Halfway through the season the team struggled to overcome many injuries that prevented players from playing. "The biggest challenge this year has been injuries to our starting post players," said Coach Adams. "We went on a seven-game losing streak when we suffered injuries but have turned things around once conference started."

Candis Kerston, senior forward, agrees, "So far we've had a lot of ups and downs. We started off great, with an overall 6-3 record and then hit a few slumps throughout the season."

The Crusaders have many goals for the start of the second round of conference games. "We hope to finish in the top half

of our conference so we are able to host a playoff game," said Stephanie. "We've never been past the first round of playoffs so that would be awesome to make it further."

Coach Adams adds, "We have been playing well as of late so we just need to keep doing more of the same. Our defense in conference has been very good and our scoring has been steady for the most part. We just need to play inspired and high energy basketball the rest of the season and good things will happen."

Making the MCC Final Tournament would be an especially memorable ending for several of the team's members. Clarke has three seniors this year who do not want their final season to come to an end.

"The team has connected so much more these last few games," said Candis. "The seniors would enjoy their final season ending with success. The team has high hopes with the conference tournament coming up."



photo: Taylor Shively

Junior guard Savannah Shepler makes a move past her defender to score for the Crusaders against William Penn University. The Lady Crusaders are third in the conference and are looking forward to tournament play.

Men's basketball second in conference

Hilary Van Praag
Staff Writer

The Clarke men's basketball team has high hopes for its season with the conference tournament quickly approaching. In second place, the Crusaders are sitting closely behind St. Ambrose in the Midwest Collegiate Conference.

At the top of the standings, the Crusaders have a record of six wins and three losses in conference.

The team is confident enough to finish well in the last few games left in the regular season. After the last win against Grand View, the Crusaders will head into three more games, where they will play each team in the conference once more. It will be a tough fight for first place, as the men will play St. Ambrose second to last.

"There is no doubt that we can beat St. Ambrose the second time," said Charles Deneen, senior forward. "We have learned from our mistakes with that loss, and plan to come focused to play on their home court. We usually play better on the road, so that is in our favor as well."

The team has been averaging 79 points per game, which has resulted in many close games for the Crusaders. They are looking to touch up on some fundamentals before their next game.

"Our goals are to play hard every game," said Coach Jerry Drymon. "We also hope to improve our communication and rebounding as a team."



Photo: Taylor Shivley

Clarke freshman guard David Neis drives past a defender to score for the Crusaders.

With four transfers and eight returners, the Crusaders have a lot of experience on the team.

"The toughest challenge this season, as it is in any season, is finding out the right rotation of players," said Drymon.

"You have to pair strengths of some players to the weaknesses of others and vice versa. I think we have a lot of guys that carry many strengths within the team. We have been fortunate to have a very deep bench."

It is every team's wish to

ment, but the Crusaders feel they have the upper hand with their team this year.

"This season is going pretty well," said starting guard David Neis. "We are a better team than last season and I think we will be able to win conference."

Charles Deneen has a similar view. "This far in the season we are on track to do big things," he said. "We have the potential to win conference, but at this point, we are focusing one game at a time."

MEDIA WATCH

Jayson Hinrichsen
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Ethan Jelinek, senior, sports management



Jenica Rubner, freshman, communication



Jordan Hohensee, junior, business administration



Caleb Johnson, senior, business administration

How many followers do you have on Twitter?

EJ: 120
JR: 0
JH: 249
CJ: 142

What is your favorite social media site?

EJ: Twitter
JR: Facebook
JH: Twitter
CJ: Snapchat

What was the last CD you purchased?

EJ: Toby Keith, "American Ride"
JR: Sara Evans, "Stronger"
JH: Luke Bryan, "Crash My Party"
CJ: The Game, "Jesus Piece"

What is your favorite smart phone game?

EJ: "Fairway Solitaire"
JR: "Fairway Solitaire"
JH: "Deer Hunter 2014"
CJ: "Flappy Bird"

On Other Campuses

Hilary Post
Staff Writer

Utah student protests by paying tuition in dollar bills
A University of Utah student has paid his tuition with 2,000 single dollar bills. Like other college students, 21-year-old Luq Mughal spends his weekends working in order to pay for tuition for his electrical engineering degree. Over the past 10 years, the university's undergraduate tuition rates have nearly doubled from \$2,742 in 2002- to \$6,511 this year. With dozens of other students, Mughal waited in line with a metal case of cash to pay his bill. He hopes to make an impact with his choice of payment.

--Salt Lake Tribune

Good news for humanities majors

A recent study from the Association of American Colleges and Universities shows that there is good news for humanities majors. Co-author of the report Debra Humphreys found that humanities majors eventually catch up to classmates with professional and pre-professional degrees. However, census data indicates it takes an advanced degree to close the salary gap. Liberal arts majors will make some \$40,000 more than they did just out of school by the time they reach their peak earning years (age 56 to 60). Though they will make less than those with professional degrees, salaries will peak about \$66,000 a year for liberal arts majors.

--NBC News

Legalized marijuana spikes University of Colorado apps?

Freshman applications have shot up 33 percent at the University of Colorado. The rise in applications also included a 43 percent increase in prospective students from out-of-state and from other countries, with international applications up 65 percent. Although campus administrators say that this increase is likely due to the legalization of marijuana, they can't be certain. The application increase could be a result of CU recruiters visiting an additional 120 high schools this past fall. The university has also started using Common Application, making it easier for students to apply.

--Huffington Post

One last thing...

Tia Grap
Editor

What is the last picture in your phone's camera roll?



AUSTIN MYERS, SENIOR FINANCE AND HISTORY MAJOR

"The last picture I took was when I beat Ethan Abney 7-0 in FIFA."



DANIELLE ELSBURY, SOPHOMORE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

"The last picture I took is my dog Rio playing in the snow back home."